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TITLE : ANTIMICROBIAL AGENT, EXTERNAL PREPARATION FOR SKIN AND SKIN
CLEANING AGENT CONTAINING THE SAME

ABSTRACT : PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain an antimicrobial agent having excellent antimicrobial activity against a pimple bacillus, capable of preventing pimple, skin eruption, dandruff, itch or inflammation, by including an extract of *Coptis japonica* Makino and/or an extract of *Phellodendron amurense* Ruprecht and an extract of *Yucca*.

SOLUTION: This antimicrobial agent comprises (A) an extract of *Coptis japonica* Makino and/or (B) an extract of *Phellodendron amurense* Ruprecht and (C) an extract of *Yucca*. The component A is an extract of rhizome of *Coptis japonica* Makino or its congeneric plant (Ranunculaceae) with (D) water and/or (E) a hydrophilic organic solvent. The component B is an extract of bark except of periderm of *Phellodendron amurense* Ruprecht or its congeneric plant (Rutaceae) with the component D and/or the component E. The component C is an extract of *Yucca* with the component D and/or the component E. Most of plants of the genus *Yucca* can be used.

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